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	Examiner Aravind K. Moorthy	Art Unit 2131	

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Period for Reply

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 10 February 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-17 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-17 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 10 February 2005 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. This is in response to the communications filed on 10 February 2005.
2. Claims 1-17 are pending in the application.
3. Claims 1-17 have been rejected.

Information Disclosure Statement

4. The examiner has considered the information disclosure statement (IDS) filed on 10 February 2005.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which the subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. **Claims 1-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bosloy et al U.S. Patent No. 6,826,612 B1 in view of Receiver-initiated Group Membership Protocol (RGMP): a New Group Management Protocol for IP Multicasting (hereinafter Liao).**

As to claim 1, Bosloy et al discloses a method for optimizing a download of requested data to an electronic data processing unit that is currently receiving unrequested multicast data through a router included in a network, the unrequested multicast data corresponding to at least one multicast data group, the method comprising:

sending Internet Group Management Protocol (IGMP) Leave Messages
for the at least one multicast data group to the router [column 4, lines 50-61]; and

ignoring IGMP Membership Queries for the at least one multicast data group issued by the router so as to cause the router to terminate a transmission of the unrequested multicast data to free up available bandwidth for the download of the requested data [column 9, lines 46-56].

Bosloy et al does not teach that Internet Group Management Protocol (IGMP) is Internet Group Management Protocol (IGMP) V2.

Liao teaches the use and benefits of Internet Group Management Protocol (IGMP) V2 [page 2].

Therefore, it would have been obvious to a person having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have modified Bosloy et al so that the Internet Group Management Protocol (IGMP) would have been Internet Group Management Protocol (IGMP) V2.

It would have been obvious to a person having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have modified Bosloy et al by the teaching of Liao because Internet Group Management Protocol (IGMP) V2, based on IGMP v1, reduces leave latency by incorporating two type of query and two query intervals [page 2].

As to claims 2, 7 and 14, Bosloy et al teaches that the requested data comprises at least one of configuration data and program guide data [column 10, lines 34-50].

As to claims 3, 8 and 15, Bosloy et al teaches that the ignoring step comprises the step of preventing a transmission of an IGMP Membership Report to the router in response to the IGMP Membership Queries [column 6, lines 8-28].

As to claims 4, 9 and 16, Bosloy et al teaches the step of downloading the requested data while the transmission of the unrequested multicast data has been terminated [column 4, lines 12-29].

As to claims 5, 10 and 17, Bosloy et al teaches the step of sensing a receipt of any multicast data so as to identify group numbers of the multicast data [column 8, lines 26-44].

As to claim 6, Bosloy et al discloses in an network having a router, a system for optimizing a download of requested data occurring concurrently with a receipt of unrequested multicast data from the router, the unrequested multicast data corresponding to at least one multicast data group, the system comprising:

an electronic data processing unit for sending Internet Group Management Protocol (IGMP) Leave Group Messages for the at least one multicast data group to the router [column 4, lines 50-61], and for ignoring IGMP Membership Queries for the at least one multicast data group issued by the router so as to cause the router to terminate a transmission of the unrequested multicast data to free up available bandwidth for the download of the requested data [column 9, lines 46-56].

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It would have been obvious to a person having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have modified Bosloy et al by the teaching of Liao because Internet Group Management Protocol (IGMP) V2, based on IGMP v1, reduces leave latency by incorporating two type of query and two query intervals [page 2].

As to claim 11, Bosloy et al teaches a modem connected in between the electronic data processing unit and the router for exchanging information there between [column 3, lines 46-56].

As to claim 12, Bosloy et al teaches that the modem is adapted for use with Asymmetrical Digital Subscriber Line (ADSL) [column 3, lines 46-56].

As to claim 13, Bosloy et al discloses a program storage device readable by machine, tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by the machine to perform method steps for optimizing a download of requested data to an electronic data processing unit that is currently receiving unrequested multicast data through a router included in a network, the unrequested multicast data corresponding to at least one multicast data group, the method steps comprising:

sending Internet Group Management Protocol (IGMP) Leave Messages for the at least one multicast data group to the router [column 4, lines 50-61]; and
ignoring IGMP Membership Queries for the at least one multicast data group issued by the router so as to cause the router to terminate a transmission of the unrequested multicast data to free up available bandwidth for the download of the requested data [column 9, lines 46-56].

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Conclusion

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Aravind K. Moorthy whose telephone number is 571-272-3793. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 8:00-5:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ayaz R. Sheikh can be reached on 571-272-3795. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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